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For: METHOD OF SEPARATING PROTEIN

Examiner: A. U. Desai

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the species election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 15, 2011, Applicant hereby provisionally elects (1) "diamine oxidase" as a protein to be separated; (2) "cation-exchanger" as the separation materials used; (3) "0.1 M Tris succinate buffer, pH 6.5" as an adsorption buffer; (4) "0.1 M Tris succinate buffer, pH 6.5" as a wash buffer; and (5) "0.1 M Tris succinate buffer, pH 8.0" as an elution buffer, without traverse, for continued examination. Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 13 read on the chosen species

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

In any event, Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims prior to issuance of any patent maturing from the instant application. Please charge this fee and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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